

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



RESOURCES ABOUND  
HUMAN SERVICES FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

Human Services provides exceptional programs and services to community members of all ages. Programs are accessible to youth, families, multicultural communities and active, aging adults and people with disabilities.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-8733 or TTY 952-563-8740. To sign up for e-mail updates, go to our website, click on *E-Subscribe* and subscribe to “Human Services.”

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN SERVICES.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES  
FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE AT CREEKSIDE

Tax assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, **January 26 - April 15**, to individuals who meet income-qualifying guidelines of \$30,000 or less for individuals and \$45,000 or less for families.

Human Services is partnering with AccountAbility Minnesota and AARP Tax-Aide to make these programs available at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

*Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.*

ACCOUNTABILITY MINNESOTA

AccountAbility Minnesota will provide tax assistance to individuals who meet income guidelines.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 26 - April 15.

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

When: Saturdays, January 30 - April 10.

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
(March hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)



TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

Federal tax forms are available to be photocopied at Creekside.

AARP TAX-AIDE

AARP Tax-Aide will provide free tax preparation services to taxpayers with middle to low incomes, with special attention to people age 60 and older.

When: Mondays and Tuesdays, February 1 - April 13.

Time: 9 a.m. - noon.



LET’S GET TOGETHER!  
GLOBAL CELEBRATION 2010

World cultural crafters, artists, food vendors and entertainers are needed for the 3rd Annual Global Celebration. The celebration will be held **Saturday, June 19**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

The event is a kaleidoscope of diverse entertainment, colorful exhibits, ethnic cuisine and games and activities for children. Last year, more than 1,500 people joined in the fun and this year is expected to be even bigger.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: GLOBAL CELEBRATION.

For information on BSCO programs and activities, call 952-563-8713, TTY 952-563-8740, or e-mail [sistercity@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:sistercity@ci.bloomington.mn.us).



EXPLORE A NEW PLACE  
STUDENTS – VISIT IZUMI CITY

The Bloomington Sister City Organization (BSCO) is seeking Bloomington high school and college delegates to participate in the 2010 College and High School Student Exchange, a cultural exchange program with our sister city of Izumi City, Japan.

BSCO has offered the student exchange program between Bloomington and Izumi City since 1994. The 2010 trip will feature two weeks of sightseeing, learning opportunities and fun. Students are not required to be part of a Japanese language program to participate.

Students and chaperones will stay with host families. Applicants who are selected will be expected to participate in all pre- and post-trip activities and represent our community to the highest standard.

OUR SISTER CITY

TASTE OF JAPAN  
PUTTING THE “FUN” BACK INTO FUNDRAISER

Join the Bloomington Sister City Organization (BSCO) for the annual fundraiser Taste of Japan. This year’s event will be held **Saturday, February 27, 6 - 10 p.m.**, at the Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington Hotel, 3900 American Boulevard West.

Experience a variety of delicious Japanese foods, bid on great silent auction items and enjoy live music, karaoke, games and much more.

Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$25 for students. Bloomington Sister City Organization members pay \$50 for adults and \$20 for students.

Consider “making a night of it” and stay at the Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington Hotel for just \$79, plus tax. To book a room, call 952-893-9500 and ask for the BSCO rate.



RACE OF A LIFETIME  
BLOOMINGTON RUNNERS COMPETE IN SENSHU MARATHON



The excitement is building for Bloomington residents and marathon runners Darrell Christensen and Sean Faulk as they prepare to compete in the Senshu International Marathon in Osaka, Japan, later this month.

Christensen, who used to work as a controller for Harco Corporation, began his running career after he retired in 2000. Since then, he has completed 14 marathons and doesn’t show signs of stopping. Christenson said he began running to get physically fit.

Faulk is a social studies teacher at Jefferson High School who has competed in 15 marathons, including a 50-mile trail race. He started running in 2003.

This is the first international marathon for both men.

Each year, two runners are selected by the Bloomington Sister City Organization as part of a cultural exchange between Bloomington and Izumi City, Japan. Since 1997, the program has sent 18 Bloomington runners to Japan. The 26.2-mile international marathon invites runners from all over the world to compete.



LATINO RESOURCE FAIR  
AND FESTIVAL  
YOUR SOURCE FOR  
INFORMATION

Human Services will host a Latino Resource Fair and Festival, **Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Representatives from a variety of community organizations will share information and resources specific to the Latino community. Topics will include legal matters such as citizenship, post-secondary education, transportation, health care, recreation, City services and more. Visitors will also enjoy food and music.

The Latino Resource Fair is sponsored by Bloomington Human Services and Human Rights Commission, Normandale Community College and Bloomington School District 271.

For more information, contact Human Services. Details will be available on our website mid-February.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS:  
LATINO RESOURCE FAIR.